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EVENT CONTROL DEVICE AND DIGITAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM

Cross Reference to Related Applications

5 The entire disclosure of the Japanese patent application No. Hei 11-106739, filed on April 14, 1999, including its specification, claims, drawings, and abstract is incorporated herein by reference.

pp. This application is divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/548,744, filed on April 13, 2000, now U.S. Patent Number 6,711,620.

Field of the Invention

10 This invention relates to event control, and more specifically to automated delivery of events.

Background of the Invention

15 In a window system for personal computers or the like, when a plural number of windows are running, to which of the windows the inputs entered through a mouse or a keyboard (event signals, or events) should be given must be determined. Conventionally, an operating system controls to give events to windows that are chosen and activated by an operator.

20 However, the operation with such a method is cumbersome because the operator must choose and activate an intended window or windows by the use of the mouse, etc.

25 To solve the above problem, JP-A-Hei 5-11962 proposes to keep a list of windows that can be activated, so that windows are switched sequentially by pressing a specific key. This enables the user to switch windows simply by pressing the specific key. This has put to practical use a simpler method of switching windows than choosing windows by the use of a mouse.